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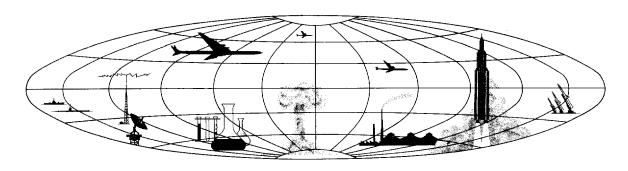








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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3146, DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1962. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N Ø8239W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN LAUNCH PAD AREA SINCE CLOUDS PRECLUDE A COMPLETE INTERPRETATION. AT LEAST 15 VEHICLES PARKED IN CONSTRUCTION/SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

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25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N Ø8236W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

ONLY 2 OF

25X1D THE 4 PADS OBSERVED.

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1 2240N 08317W

ALL 4 PADS APPEAR DISMANTLED. ONLY ONE MISSILE-READY TENT REMAINS. NO CHANGE OR ACTIVITY IS NOTED IN AREA OF ARCH-ROOF BUILDING. APPROXIMATELY 16 TENTS REMAIN. VEHICLES -- APPROXIMATELY 120, INCLUDING 8 FUEL

25X1D TRAILERS AND 2 CHERRY PICKERS.

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 2 2241N Ø8315W

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT -- APPROXIMATELY 45 VEHICLES AND 2 CHERRY PICKERS. STACK OF CONCRETE ARCHES STILL

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25X1D PRESENT. NO OTHER CHANGES NOTED SINCE I 25X1D 25X1A SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3 2242N Ø83Ø8W 25X1D VEHICLES -- 45, INCLUDING 8 PROBABLE FUEL TRAILERS. NO OTHER CHANGES NOTED SINCE 25X1D SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4 2246N Ø8258W VEHICLES -- 22 VEHICLES NOTED IN LAUNCH AREA, INCLUDING 3 POSSIBLE FUEL TRAILERS. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN TENT AREA, WHICH IS PARTIALLY CLOUD-COVERED. 25X1D NO OTHER CHANGES NOTED SINCE 25X1D 25X1D LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2156N Ø8Ø19W NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION. 25X1D

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N Ø7844W

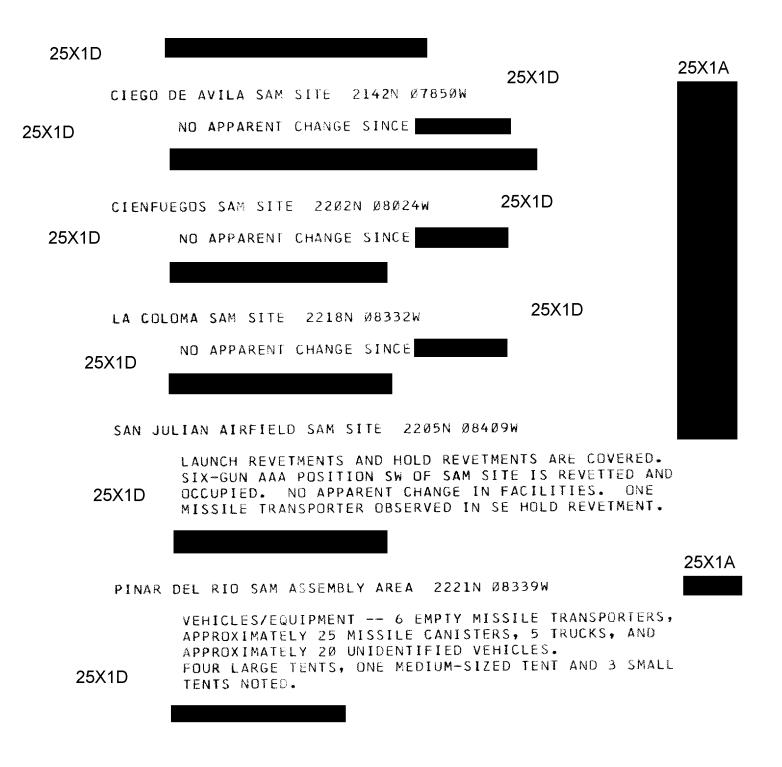
25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 23Ø9N Ø8156W

OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT -- APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE CANISTERS, 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 4 EMPTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 4 REVETTED STORAGE AREAS CONTAINING MATERIEL, 10 TANK TRUCKS, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF POL DRUMS IN OPEN STORAGE, 19 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, AND 25 SMALL TENTS, APPROXIMATELY 60 OTHER VEHICLES.

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25X1A

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N Ø8221W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA 2146N Ø7958W

25X1D

25X1D

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT -- 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 6 LARGE TENTS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

MADRUGA AREA, MISSILE SEARCH 2255N Ø815ØW

25X1D

PROBABLE FUEL-STORAGE FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH-SOUTH VALLEY CONTAINS SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL CACHES OF STORAGE TANKS. SHADOWS PRECLUDE A COUNT OR FURTHER ANALYSIS. APPROXIMATELY 9 PERMANENT BUILDINGS, ONE MEDIUM-SIZE TENT, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES ARE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HILL. NO MISSILE ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED.

SANTO TOMAS, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2233N Ø8351W

25X1D

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY NOTED. NUMEROUS ROADS WITHIN THE AREA ARE BEING IMPROVED.

CALABAZAR DE SAGUA TO CIFUENTES HIGHWAY 2238N Ø7954W

25X1D NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY NOTED.

CASILDA TO CIENFUEGOS HIGHWAY 2145N 07959W

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY NOTED ON INCOMPLETE COVERAGE. 25X1D

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25X1A

GUANAJAY TO HAVANA HIGHWAY 2255N Ø8241W

NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR INSTALLATIONS NOTED IN THOSE PORTIONS OBSERVED.

25X1D

PINAR DEL RIO TO MARIEL HIGHWAY 2224N Ø8341W

NO MILITARY CONVOYS, EQUIPMENT, OR NEW INSTALLATIONS NOTED.

25X1D

REMEDIOS TO SANTA CLARA HIGHWAY 2229N Ø7932W

25X1D NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT NOTED.

SAGUA LA GRANDE TO CIENFUEGOS HIGHWAY 2243N Ø8ØØ4W

25X1D NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT NOTED.

SAGUA LA GRANDE TO LA ISABELA HIGHWAY 2243N Ø8ØØ4W

25X1D NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY NOTED.

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD TO LA COLOMA HIGHWAY 2205N 08409W
25X1D NO MILITARY CONVOYS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1A

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25X1D

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SANTA CLARA TO HAVANA HIGHWAY 2224N Ø7958W

NO CONVOYS OR MISSILE-ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY NOTED IN PORTIONS OBSERVED.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS (SANTA CLARA) AIRFIELD 2229N Ø7955W

AIRCRAFT -- 16 PROBABLE AIRCRAFT. 25XIL
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 22 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OBSERVED (INCOMPLETE COVERAGE).
RUNWAYS ARE SERVICEABLE.

25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
ONLY PARTIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N Ø8217W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
RUNWAY IS PROBABLY SERVICEABLE, BUT EAST END IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
VEHICLES -- APPROXIMATELY 122, INCLUDING 42 CANVAS-COVERED CARGO TRUCKS, 7 UNIDENTIFIED TRAILERS, 12 FLATBED TRAILER TRUCKS (8 WITH TRACTORS), 34 DUMP TRUCKS, 7 LARGE CARGO TRUCKS, AND 20 PROBABLE CARGO

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25X1D

TRUCKS.

25X1A

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

25X1D

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE VISIBLE. RUNWAY IS SERVICEABLE. CLOUD COVER PRECLUDES

DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N Ø8231W

AIRCRAFT -- AT LEAST 54, INCLUDING 9 FISHBED, 14 FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 CRATE, 1 ZLIN TRENER, 3 CAB, 4 T-33, 2 BRIGADYR, 12 B-26, 2 T-6, ONE PROBABLE T-6, 3 LIAISON AND ONE HELICOPTER. RUNWAYS ARE SERVICEABLE. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN

FACILITIES.

25X1A

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

AIRCRAFT -- 11 BEAGLE/MASCOT (IL-28/UIL/28), ONE BEAGLE FUSELAGE, AND 22 BEAGLE FUSELAGE CRATES. A 6-GUN AAA SITE NW OF AIRFIELD IS REVETTED AND OCCUPIED. NO OTHER CHANGE IN FACILITIES NOTED

SINCE

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS/COMMUNICATIONS-

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

25X1D

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-25X1A AGUAS CLARAS, PROB MILITARY EQUIPMENT AREA 2213N Ø8323W 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE 25X1D ARTEMISA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N Ø8248W 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE CLOUD SHADOW 25X1D PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION. BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N Ø8223W 25X1D 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N Ø8233W 25X1D 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE 25X1D LIMONAR, PROBABLE TRAINING AREA 2256N Ø8124W NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE 25X1D OBLIQUITY AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF PORTIONS OBSERVED. MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N Ø8218W 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE 25X1D

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25X1A

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CONCENTRATION 2223N Ø8342W

20 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1D

NO CHANGES NOTED IN FACILITIES SINCE

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N Ø821ØW

NO CHANGE IN PERMANENT FACILITIES OF CAMP. NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS LOCATED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE MILITARY CAMP. VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT -- 4 FUEL TANK TRAILERS, 4 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, 2 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, ONE CHERRY PICKER, 10 FLATBED TRAILERS, 54 TRUCKS, 33 VANS. 10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OF VARIOUS SIZES AND SHAPES, 3 SMALL UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND ONE RECTANGULAR CANVAS-COVERED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT. A DOUBLE-FENCED AREA SSE OF MAIN AREA CONTAINS TWO BUILDINGS, 11 TRUCKS, 9 VANS, AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, PROB AMMO STGE 2257N Ø8211W

3 NM WNW OF SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS. SITES FOR AT LEAST 11 BUILDINGS, 8 WITH FOUNDATIONS, ARE SITUATED IN PROTECTED DRAWS AT THE BASE OF A HILL. 25X1D TERRAIN PROVIDES NATURAL PROTECTION.

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1A

SAN RICARDO, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY 2223N 07951W

NO VEHICLES NOTED.

25X1D

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25X1A SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, TANK PARK 2258N Ø822ØW 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF NUMBER AND TYPES OF VEHICLES. 25X1D TORRENS, MILITARY CONCENTRATION 2259N Ø8228W 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE 25X1D -PORTS-CABANAS PORT 2259N Ø8256W CLOUDS OBSCURE 90 PERCENT OF PORT AREA. NO SHIPS VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS. 25X1D CASILDA PORT 2145N Ø7959W NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. APPARENT CHANGE IN PORT FACILITIES SINCE OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION. 25X1D 25X1D CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W VESSELS -- 2 PT BOATS, ONE POSSIBLE COAST GUARD CUTTER, 4 FREIGHTERS IN PORT AND ONE APPROACHING, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT AND BARGES. NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE 25X1D 25X1D

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25X1A

LA COLOMA PORT 2214N Ø8334W

VESSELS -- APPROXIMATELY 30 SMALL CRAFT IN HARBOR. VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT -- NONE NOTED.

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL PORT 2301N 08245W

ONLY PARTIAL PHOTO COVERAGE. VESSELS -- ONE POSSIBLE COAST GUARD PATROL CRAFT, ONE POSSIBLE PT BOAT, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL.

25X1D

25X1A

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

25X1D VESSELS -- 2 CARGO SHIPS. 80 PERCENT CLOUD COVERED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN VISIBLE FACILITIES SINCE

25X1D

-HIGH INTEREST AREAS-

SPECIAL AREA 1 2252N Ø823ØW

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 2 2259N Ø8225W

SEE ITEMS ON TORRENS, MILITARY CONCENTRATION AND JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD.

25X1D

25X1A

SPECIAL AREA 3 2259N Ø8227W

SEE ITEMS ON TORRENS, MILITARY CONCENTRATION AND JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD.

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25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 4 2253N Ø8236W

25X1D

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

SPECIAL AREA 5 2255N Ø8231W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 6 2258N Ø8227W

SEE ITEM ON TORRENS, MILITARY CONCENTRATION.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 8 2302N 08235W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 16 2301N 08247W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 17 2259N Ø8244W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

25X1A

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25X1A

SPECIAL AREA 18 2251N Ø8233W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS-

LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

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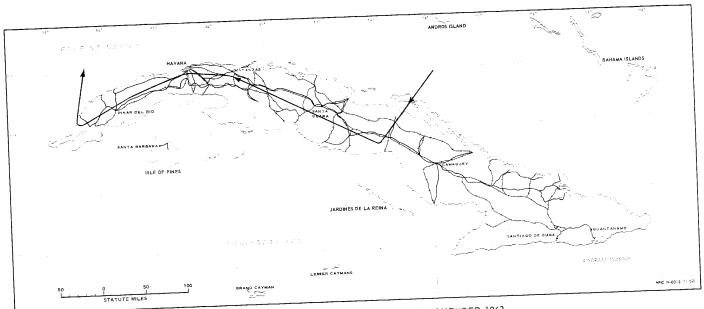
MENDOZA O ISABEL RUBIO, TRANSSHIPMENT POINT 2209N 08405W

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT -- 19 BOXCARS. NO AIRCRAFT SHIPPING CRATES OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

NO CAVES WERE OBSERVED.

THERE ARE NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS TO REPORT.



APPROXIMATE TRACK OF BRASS KNOB MISSION 3146, 11 NOVEMBER 1962